(c) whether the matter has been investigated;

(d) if so, with what results;

(e) whether the cases of atrocities on Harijans have increased of late in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(f) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that on 21.1.1994 a Scheduled Caste woman, Smt. Shivpatia wife of Motilal of village Dhauna, Police Station Goorpur, District Allahabad, was paraded naked in the village by Shri Lurkhul Patel and 20-25 other persons. It has been reported that this was s sequal to an earlier incident on 16.1.1994 between the sons of the families of Lurkhul Patel and Motilal.

(c) and (d) A case (crime No. 15/94) under sections 147/148/149/345/504/506 IPC and section 3 (i) (iii) (xi) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, was registered at police station Goorpur and investigated. 22 persons were arrested including a persons named in the FIR.

A charge sheet was filed against them in the court on 7.2.94 and all of them are now in jail. Proceedings against 8 accused named in the FIR have been initiated under the National Security act and action to cancel licences for the arms involved in the incident has also been initiated. Action against the delinquent police officials has been taken.

The incident was investigated by the Chairman of the Revenue Council and his report is under examination of the State Government. Effective steps have been taken to provide security to the victim-family. Smt. Shivpatia has been provided financial assistance.

(e) A statement showing incidence of crimes committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the years 1991-93 in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar based on the data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau is attached as Annexure. [*See* appendix 170, Annexure No. 8]

(f) Since 'Police' and 'Public order' are state subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to take steps for preventing atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Government of India has, however, issued guidelines to all the States and Union Territories detailing the preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to be taken to check atrocities against Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes.

Illegal immigration from Bangladesh

318. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large-scale illegal immigration from Bangladesh is causing populaiton explosiion in the border districts of West Bengal, Bihar and also in Delhi;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to send the illegal entrants back to their country of origin; and

(c) what are the reasons to accommodate them in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) It is a fact that there has been illegal migration from Bangladesh in the bordering districts of West Bengal, Bihar and also in Delhi.

(b) and (c) In terms of standing instructions to all State Govts./U.T. Administrations, the State Govt. of West Bengal, Bihar and U.T. of Delhi are making strenous efforts to detect and deport Illegal Bangladeshi migrants back to Bangladesh. Besides, various measures including intensification of patrolling by the BSF, strengthening of its water wings, accelerated programme of construcion o'

border roads and fencing, strengthening of Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF)/Mobile Task force (MTF) schemes, etc. have been/are being taken to check the infiltration. The Central as well as the State Govts./UT Admns. are taking steps for detection and deportation of such migrants under Foreigners Act and other relevant acts/orders.

Latest Developments in Fire Services in the Country

319. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the institution of Fire Engineers (India) recently Organized International Conference and Exhibition named 'Fire-India, 1994' to bring in experts from other countries to show the latest developments/technology in this regard as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 9th February, 1994;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Fire Services in the country have not so far attained the desired status because the fire tenders and other gadgets/control rooms of fire services which are compulsorily to be changed in other developed countries after every four years in India it is mandatory to run the equipment for over ten years, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for better fire protection services as well as to meet the new challenges indicating the budgetary provisions made during 1993-94 as compared to the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes. International Conference cum Exhibition 'Fire-India, 1994' was organised from 7th to 9th Feb. 1994 by the Institution of Fire Engineers (India) which is a 'Non-Government Organisation'. There were speakers and delegates from foreign countries. The manufacturers from abroad also exhibited their products in the exhibition.

(b) No. It is not a fact. It is not compulsory in developed countries to change the fire tenders and gadgets after 4 years to our knowledge. It is, also, not mandatory to run the equipment over 10 years in our country. The recommendations given by the Standing Fire Advisory Council lays down a span of 10 years or 5000 running hours for fire fighting appliances and these are just guidelines for replacing the appliances.

(c) Item 'Fire' is a State subject and as such the budgetary provisions are to be made by the various State Governments/ U.Ts for their respective Fire Services.

Infiltration of Pakistan Trained Terrorists in Kashmir

320. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is training ten thousand persons as terrorists to infiltrate Kashmir; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to prevent such massive threatened infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Available informaiton indicates that Pakistan countinues its design of guiding, training, arming and funding of the Kashmiri militants in its territory for infiltration into Jammu & Kashmir. However, it is not possible to estimate the precise number of such persons who may be receiving training.

During the recent months, steps to check infiltration/exfiltration of men and materials, and to flush out militants in the hinterland, have been intensified further and action has also been taken to bring in greater Coordination between the operations of the various forces in the State, including pooling of information for better results.